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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. §1.114(a)(1))**

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a)(1) is being submitted concurrently with this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS"). Applicants submit this IDS in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Consideration of the patentability

of the claimed invention in view of the documents listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 32 are the only two claims pending in the referenced U.S. Patent Application Serial No. (the "'044 application"). A Notice of Allowance was issued in the '044 application on 10 October 2003. The Issue Fee due date is 12 January 2004. The Issue Fee has not been paid.

Applicants submit this IDS for the purpose of making of record an opposition proceeding before the European Patent Office ("EPO") that had been filed against the European patent belonging to the same patent family as the referenced '044 application. The European patent was filed as European Patent Application 94917244.9-2117 (the "EP application"), which issued as European Patent No. 0 652 872 on 8 November 2000 (the "EP patent"). The EP application is a regional application derived from international application No. PCT/SE94/000509, filed 27 May 1994, which claims priority to SE 9301830-7, filed 28 May 1993. The referenced '044 application originates from the same priority and PCT applications.

The opposition was filed on 18 July 2001 by Ratiopharm GmbH and, in accordance with the relevant local rules, certain third party observations were submitted in support of the opposition on 30 May 2002 by an anonymous party that was not a party to the opposition proceedings. Subsequently, the parties to the opposition, i.e., the opponent Ratiopharm and the applicant AstraZeneca, filed submissions in support of their respective positions. The opposition proceedings addressed the patentability, *inter alia*, of those claims of the EP patent which correspond to compound claims 1 and 35 of the '044 application.

An Oral Hearing before the EPO Opposition Panel took place on 25 November 2003 and a final decision upholding the patentability of claims 1-15 of the EP patent was announced by the EPO Opposition Panel on the same day.

As part of this IDS, Applicants submit two separate binders of publicly available documents relating to the European opposition proceedings. One binder contains patent and technical publications which are identified as documents ##1-26. These documents were submitted by the parties in the opposition proceedings. Each of documents ##1-26 is listed on the attach PTO-Form 1449. Several of the documents are in German and have not been translated. As discussed below in more detail, the parties in the opposition proceedings and the EPO Opposition Panel undertook a consideration of the materiality of documents ##1-26 and agreed that document #2, EP 0 124 495 ("EP '495), and document #3, DE 40 35 455 ("DE '455"), are the most material to the patentability of the claimed invention of the EP patent. Therefore, Applicants submit that a translation of the German language documents is not required since the conclusion of the EPO Opposition Panel is a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents in satisfaction of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i).

The second binder contains a copy of the EP patent (#1) and copies of the various written submissions made by the parties to the opposition proceedings. The second binder also contains a copy of a formal notice of the decision of the EPO Opposition Panel upholding the patentability of claims 1-15 of the EP patent (#9). Each of these documents is also listed on the attach PTO-Form 1449. Applicants will submit a supplemental IDS to make of record the formal written decision of the EPO Opposition Panel as soon as the decision has been issued and is available.

As previously mentioned, EP '495 and DE '455 were held to be the most relevant prior art documents in the opposition proceedings. It is expected that this holding will be stated in the written decision of the EPO Opposition Panel. EP '495 belongs to the same patent family as US 4,738,974, issued 19 April 1988 (the "'974 patent"). The '974 patent and DE '455 were cited in support of claim rejections under §§102 and 103 in the referenced '044 application and related prior applications. The claim rejections based on the '974 patent and DE '455 were eventually withdrawn and the subject '044 application proceeded to allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the decision of the EPO Opposition Panel confirms that '974 patent and DE '455 are the most material prior art to the claimed invention and that the remaining documents submitted by this IDS, e.g., documents ##1 and 4-26 of Binder 1, are less material to patentability or are cumulative at best.

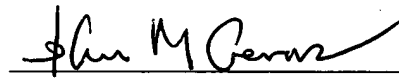
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of this IDS and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for the reasons of record.

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The Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed concurrently with a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c) and Request for Continued Examination and therefore no separate fee is due. However, authorization is hereby given to charge Account No. 23-1703 for any fee which may be due in connection with this communication.

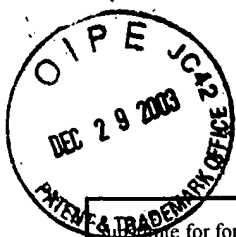
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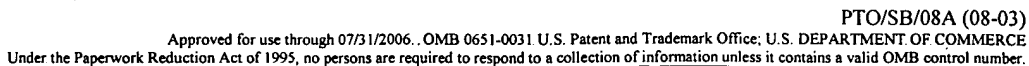
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